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I. HISTORY OF 3RD AIR DIVISION:

Reference to Enclosure #1, Organizational Chart of the Third Air Division.

The 5th and 8th Fighter Regiments were formerly based at Milovice Airfield [] and moved to Line Airfield [] 15 May 1952. 25X1
This move included personnel, equipment and aircraft. The 16th 25X1
Fighter Regiment was formed later in August 1952, at Line Airfield.

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a short time prior to departing from Milovice Airfield, new Air Force personnel started arriving (number and source of personnel unknown).

The 14th and 19th Airfield Battalions which supported the 5th and 8th Fighter Regiments moved their personnel, and equipment to Line Air-25X1
field on 15 May 1952. The 20th Airfield Battalion arrived with personnel and equipment in May 1952 (exact date unknown).
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their former base and they told him that they came from Ceske Budejovice Airfield. The 20th Airfield Battalion was later used to support the 16th Fighter Regiment upon its activation.

[redacted] the units at Line Airfield were called 3rd Air Division (Treti Letecka Divise) and were subordinate to a headquarters (designation unknown) located near Zbiroh /N 49-22, E 21-18/

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[redacted] Line Airfield was under command of Zbiroh. Courier runs were made to Zbiroh (reasons unknown).

[redacted] Zbiroh headquarters unit [redacted] as part of a team chosen from Line to represent Line in a competitive obstacle course and gymnastic sport event in which other unknown Air Force teams also participated.

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II. LOCATION AND AREA DESCRIPTION OF HEADQUARTERS IN ZBIROH:

Reference to Enclosure #2, Overlay of [redacted]
[redacted] location of Unknown Air Force Unit near ZBIROH.

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(All distances and dimensions given below are approximate unless otherwise stated.)

1. Unknown Church in Zbiroh. Description and dimensions unrecalled, located approximately one kilometer west of the Zbiroh Air Force unit.

2. Obstacle Course. Approximately 250 m. long x 50 m. wide, located in a wooded area. This area contained obstacle barrier.

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[redacted] Gymnastics was also part of the event. The event was won by the Ceske Budejovice team.

3. Unknown Building. Two-story, gray stuccoed stone with blue roof (further description and dimensions unrecalled). [redacted] part of the interior [redacted] was a kitchen and dining room. [redacted] Air Force personnel taking charge of the dining room and kitchen facilities. No further information.

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4. Unknown Building. Gray stuccoed stone with blue roof (further description and dimensions unknown). [redacted] presumed [redacted] to be the Headquarters building. [redacted] it was Sunday [redacted] and [redacted] there was very little personnel activity. He observed few Air Force personnel (ranks unrecalled) and several Air Force vehicles, Tatra-128 and an Opel Kapitän passenger car parked around the building.

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This was formerly known as Zbiroh castle. Buildings (Pts. #2 and 4, Enclosure #1.) were surrounded by a stone wall approximately two meters high by one half meter wide. An Air Force sentry armed with a 9 mm. sub-machine gun stood at iron gate which was located west end of wall. No further information.

III. PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT AND STRENGTH.

[redacted] The airmen specialists (mechanics, radio operators, electricians, armorers and other unknown specialists) were included in the total personnel strength listed below for the fighter regiments.

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5TH FIGHTER REGIMENT PERSONNEL AND AIRCRAFTTOTAL

Overall strength of officers and airmen	300
MIG-15 Fighters	25-26
MIG-15 Trainers with dual cockpit	1 (4 MIG-15 trainers
(No information on dual controls)	in the 3 regiments)
ARADO-C-2 Trainers with dual cockpits	3-4
(No information on dual controls)	1 (4-5 La in the
La (Number unknown) trainers with dual	3 regiments)
cockpits (No information on dual controls)	

the other two Fighter Regiments (8th and 16th) were approximately the same, in personnel and aircraft strength. One HEINKEL (designation of unit unknown) was also observed on the airfield. No further information.

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the personnel strength of the 18th and 20th Airfield Battalions was approximately the same as the 14th Airfield Battalion. Breakdown of personnel according to MOS unknown.

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14TH AIRFIELD BATTALION PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENTTOTAL

Officers	35
Airmen	280-300
Gas masks (of German and Czech origin)	300
Submachine guns (Cz type 32)	200
Rifles (German origin, type and caliber unknown)	30
Pistols (Czech "ZEROJOVKA" 7.35 mm.)	30
Light Machine guns (Czech type 37, 7.92 mm.)	1-2
Machine guns (German origin, 7.92 mm.)	3-4
Refueling Trucks (Tatra-128, 3,000 liter capacity, with motor driven pumps)	15
Passenger cars (Skoda Tudor)	5
Tractors (Skoda-30) used for towing of aircraft.	5
Tractor (Zetor-25) used for towing of aircraft.	1
Motorcycles (Java)	5
Trucks (Dodge "DOTCHKA", 1/2 or 3/4 ton used for towing aircraft).	5
Trucks (Praga RN and RND, 3 ton)	15
Snow Plow (Pull type, similar to grader)	1
Snow Plow (Push type)	1
Rotary Brush (Pull type used for cleaning of runways)	1
Tractor and double trailer (German Faun, 10 ton)	1
Mobile Crane (German Faun, half track, 6 ton capacity, for clearing of wrecked aircraft)	1
Mobile Crane (Skoda-110, 6 wheeled with 7-8 m. boom used for clearing of wrecked aircraft)	1
Fire Trucks (Praga, with tank divided into two sections. One section for water with a 2,500 liter capacity and the other section with a 200 liter foamate chemical capacity)	2
Ambulances (Mercedes)	3
Ambulances (Ackov-150)	2

In addition to the above the 18th Airfield Battalion had seven Russian 4 ton Zis trucks. two-three antiaircraft guns and
mobile radio unit and portable searchlight
belonged to one of the 3 Airfield Battalions. No further information.

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Officer. [REDACTED]

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NAME: PALKA, Vaclav. RANK: Lt. Col. DUTY: Commanding Officer of
the 14th Airfield Battalion (formerly held pilot rating). [REDACTED]

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NAME: PONKA, (fnu). RANK: Lt. DUTY: CO, Company K. 14th Airfield
Battalion. [REDACTED]

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NAME: RADOCH, (fnu). RANK: Lt. DUTY: Political Officer, 14th
Airfield Battalion. [REDACTED]

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NAME: SIMEK, (fnu). RANK: Captain. DUTY: Technical Stock Officer,
14th Airfield Battalion. [REDACTED]

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NAME: SOVAK, (fnu). RANK: Jr. Lt. DUTY: Utilities Officer, 14th
Airfield Battalion. [REDACTED]

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NAME: SUCHAR, (fnu). RANK: Lt. DUTY: Food Supply Officer, 14th
Airfield Battalion. [REDACTED]

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NAME: SVAGR, Jiri. RANK: Lt. DUTY: Political Officer, 14th
Airfield Battalion. [REDACTED]

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NAME: ZAK, (fnu). RANK: Jr. Lt. DUTY: unknown. 14th Airfield
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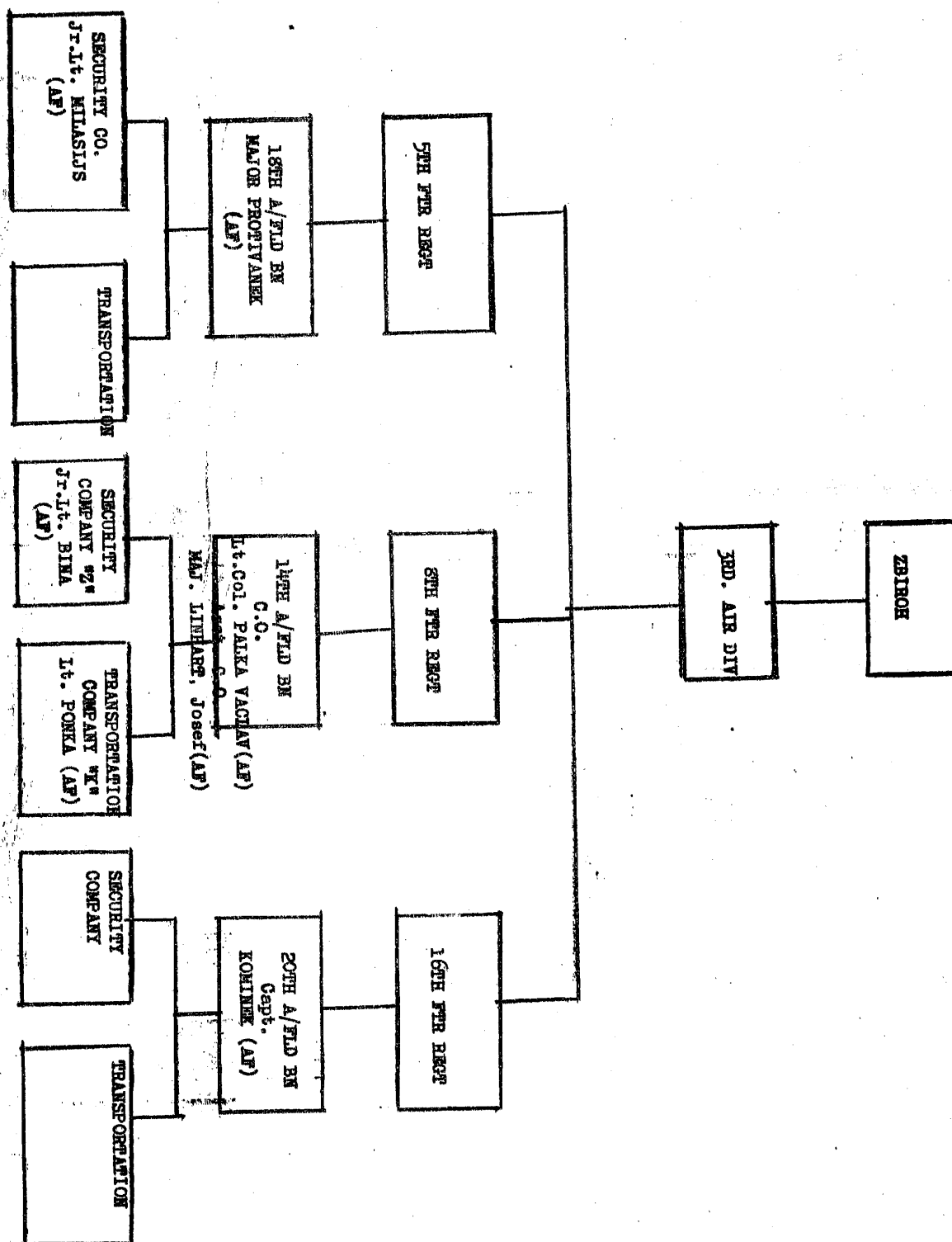
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Enclosure #1

Sketch of Organizational Chart of the Third Air Division.

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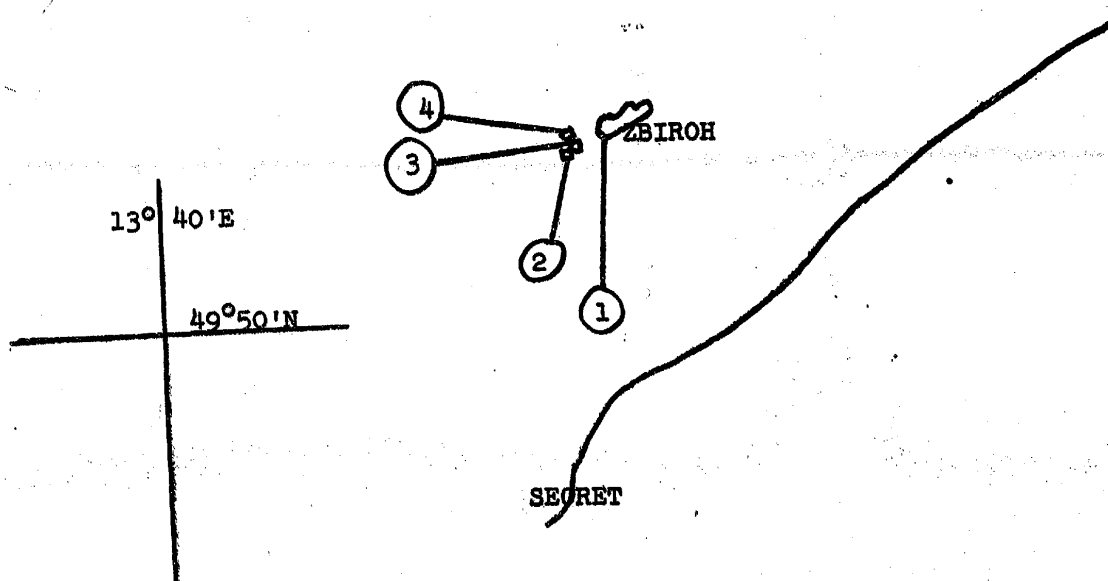
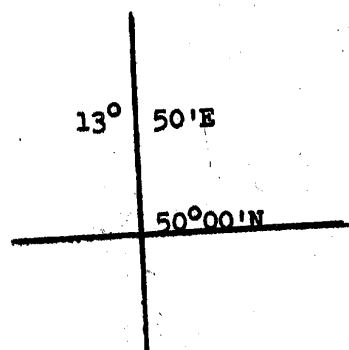
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Enclosure #2

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Overlay of
Unknown Air Force Unit near ZBIROH.



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